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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated September 30, 2004, having a term that expired on <u>December 30, 2004</u>. A three (3)-month extension of the time for response up to and including <u>March 30, 2005</u> is respectfully requested. Please charge the \$1,020.00 extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0426</u>. a Notice of Appeal is also enclosed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Please amend the subject application as follows: